

Iowa Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Commission

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DECISION

TOPIC **Contract – Genova Technologies – Filed Office Compliance Database**

The Department requests Commission approval of a contract in the amount of \$250,000 with Genova Technologies for Implementing the Field Office Compliance Database. The source of funding for this project is the IowAccess revolving fund established pursuant to Iowa Code section 8A.221, and the proposal for this project was approved by the IOWAccess advisory council on November 7, 2007.

The vendor will develop the Field Office Compliance database system to schedule and track environmental compliance activities, so their status is easily available to the public. This database will include information regarding:

- Inspections to ensure environmental regulations are followed
- Investigation of public complaints about environmental problems
- Providing assistance to facilities to help them understand and follow environmental rules
- Work requests from DNR central office to assess conditions at a site
- Tracking of incoming reports that facilities are required to submit
- Deficiencies and violations of environmental regulations

Background

DNR has six regional field offices to carry out onsite work such as environmental inspections and complaint investigations. They work to ensure compliance for about a dozen environmental programs, such as animal feeding operations, air quality, solid waste, underground storage tanks, wastewater treatment, and drinking water supplies. Each of the environmental programs has a database for central office work, but access by FO staff has often proven difficult. Historically each office developed their own tracking methods, usually by paper, MS Access or Excel.

A single tracking system is needed to ensure consistency across the six field offices, to coordinate work across the dozen environmental programs, and to provide access to DNR personnel and members of the public. The field office database will help DNR reach the long-term goal of displaying all major potential sources of contamination and their compliance history in one application for environmental assessments and planning.

Contractor Selection

DNR followed the Department of General Services process for a Request for Proposal (RFP). DNR notified all those on the Targeted Small Business list and sent copies of the proposal to all firms certified through the Invitation To Quality (ITQ) process. A review team of three people scored Genova the highest, and recommend them to implement the database. Their experience with other DNR databases and One Stop makes them the most qualified.

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